feasibility report on the conservation, beautification, restoration and upgradation of the monument and the surrounding areas. The project shall be carried out by Archaeological Survey of India with the approval and under the guidance of Project Implementation Committee (PIC) under the Chairmanship of the Director General, Archaeological Survey of India.

(e) Private-public participation is encouraged to develop environs around the monuments and to provide basic tourist amenities wherever necessary.

Security of foreign tourists

1348. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment are aware of the steep fall in the arrival of international tourists into the country;

(b) if so, the estimated loss of foreign exchange; and

(c) whether Govemment are taking any steps to assure foreign tourists of security and other related aspects?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) There has been a decline of 6.9% in foreign tourist arrivals during the year 2002 as compared to the year 2001. The foreign exchange earning has, however, increased from Rs. 14344 crores in the year 2001 to Rs. 14420 crores in the year 2002.

(c) The foreign tourists have been reassured through leading tour operators and media campaigns that India is a safe destination in order to allay the fears of tourists about the region.

Tourist places in A.P.

1349. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the tourists visited Andhra Pradesh for treatments through the use of herbs in Krishna district and paralysis treatment as practised in Chirala and other famed Allopathic and Indian Medicine treatments;